

**DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2014**  
**Five County Association of Governments**  
**Conference Room**  
**St. George, UT**

**PRESENT**

Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director, Chair  
Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City Engineer, Vice-Chair  
Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator  
Dave Glenn, Ivins City, Public Works Director  
Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City, Public Works Director  
Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director  
Darren Cottam, Toquerville City  
Dana Meier, UDOT, Region Four  
Kirk Thornock, UDOT, Region Four  
Myron Lee, MPO Planning Manager, Five County AOG  
Curt Hutchings, Transportation Manager, Five County AOG  
Diane Lamoreaux, Five County AOG  
Chuck Gillette, Ivins City  
Bronson Bundy, Washington City  
Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering  
Paul Mogle, Horrocks Engineering  
Mike Heaps, Horrocks Engineering  
Bob Lamoreaux, Stanley Consultants  
Branden Anderson, UDOT  
Ronielle Howard, RH&H

**ABSENT**

Angela Rohr, Leeds Town  
Derek Imlay, LaVerkin City  
Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County, Public Works Director  
Fred Davies, St. George City Transit Manager  
Kelly Lund, FHWA, Planning Engineer  
Steve Call, FHWA, Planning Engineer  
Elden Bingham, UDOT, Planning

Cameron Cutler, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He noted that a quorum was not present for conduct of business and proceeded to non-action agenda items.

**2. SHORT RANGE PLANNING**

- A. River Road Corridor Study Update:** Mike Heaps and Paul Mogle, Horrocks Engineering provided a short presentation on the River Road Corridor Study. The study covers the entire corridor as a whole in examining issues. Tube counters were utilized to collect data in various locations to identify travel patterns along the corridor. Information was outlined on various slides for Brigham Road, Green Springs, St. George Boulevard, etc. The study did not focus on Green Springs because there is a separate study for that particular area. Peak travel times in the

A.M. and P.M. were analyzed. The study included analysis for 2013, 2020 and 2040, with project recommendations outlined in phases. Phase I recommendations need to occur prior to the year 2020 and Phase 2 projects need to be implemented prior to 2040. The level of service, A through F, was depicted and discussed as per mapping. Phase I and Phase II recommended improvements were reviewed for Brigham Road, Fort Pierce Drive, 1450 South, Riverside Drive, etc. It was noted that the new Mall Drive Bridge will carry a lot of traffic once completed. Because of the cost of real estate to secure rights-of-way, the use of innovative intersection design is recommended. As various roads are widened, pedestrian times would need to be increased. The final report will be available within the next two weeks and copies will be distributed.

Cameron Cutler indicated that a quorum was available for conduct of business and returned to Agenda item #1.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. **Minutes from May 7, 2014 Meeting:** Cameron Cutler, Chair, presented minutes from the May 7, 2014 Dixie Transportation Advisory Committee (DTAC) meeting for consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DARREN COTTAM, SECONDED BY MONTY THURBER, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2014 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **SHORT RANGE PLANNING**

- B. **Bicycle / Pedestrian Plan Scope of Work:** Monty Thurber distributed copies of the scope of work developed for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Staff is recommending establishment of a Steering Committee comprised of the following stakeholders: 1) Dixie MPO; 2) Dixie State University; 3) Hurricane City; 4) Ivins City; 5) St. George City; Santa Clara City; 6) Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance; 7) Washington City; and 8) Washington County School District. This committee will be charged with developing goals, evaluating the plan, and making recommendations. The scope of work includes the following elements: 1) Facilitation of a bicycle/pedestrian Steering Committee; 2) Identification and evaluation of existing conditions; 3) Identification of projects to complete the network and fill the needs of various types of users; 4) Evaluate and prioritize projects; 5) Recommend standards and policy to accommodate bicycle/pedestrian transportation; and 6) Programs for cyclists in the community. A portion of the plan is intended to identify projects, assign costs, and identify potential funding sources, evaluate projects and assign priority for local and regional projects. Dana Meier noted that UDOT is not included as a stakeholder on the Steering Committee, but representatives would like to be included.

Myron Lee mentioned that MPO staff intends on developing much of the plan in-house, but hiring a consultant to assist with some aspects may also be a possibility. A small portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan includes information on bicycle/pedestrians. Developing a specific bicycle/pedestrian plan is the next step.

Information will be collected from all of the communities regarding the planning efforts and existing facilities. The regional plan will not get into specific neighborhoods, but will examine an overall regional approach to bicycling and pedestrian patterns. Consultation with schools that are located on arterial roads may assist in making it safer for students to cross in these areas. Mr. Lee indicated that staff will need to be respectful of things that are occurring on a local level and include those items in the plan. The scope of work was presented for discussion and to determine whether staff is heading in the right direction. Dana Meier, UDOT, commented that working together to integrate bicycling and pedestrians into the travel network is important in maintaining an environmental balance. The DTAC group is the perfect forum for this type of discussion. Cameron Cutler indicated that it is important for jurisdictions to include bicycle/pedestrian planning into future transportation projects. Capturing this early in the process provides much better results in terms of implementation. Myron Lee reiterated that the majority of work for this plan will be accomplished in-house and any contracted work would be approved by this committee.

It was the consensus of committee members to proceed with the scope of work as outlined for presentation and approval of the Dixie Transportation Executive Committee (DTEC).

- C. U-Plan Demonstration:** Paul Damron, UDOT Region Four GIS Specialist, provided a short presentation regarding data that is available online through U-Plan. This is a method utilized by UDOT to share sensitive environmental data with designers and contractors. A lot of information is provided to the general public without having to login to the program. Private data is available through login as well. A map of Region Four data was reviewed with the group. Data is collected for each county by the asset management group. A demonstration was provided depicting how to zoom into a specific area linking with Google street view. An array of information is included for sign inventory on interstate and state routes, fiber mapping, rights-of-way, design, material pits, wildlife application, etc. U-Plan goes beyond design and provides a lot of pertinent data that can be downloaded. DTAC members are invited to become more actively involved in utilizing data that is available.

### **3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

- A. SunTran Transit TIP:** Myron Lee provided copies of the draft Transit TIP covering funding for SunTran for FTA Section 5307 and FTA Section 5339 Discretionary funds for consideration of DTAC.
- B. Set TIP Public Comment Period (June 28 - August 2):** Myron Lee reported that staff is proposing to advertise the Dixie MPO TIP consecutively with UDOT for the above listed period of time. Copies of the FY 2015 TIP were provided for review and approval.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DANA MEIER, SECONDED BY JACK TAYLOR,  
TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT FY 2015 TRANSIT TIP WITH A**

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DTEC) FOR APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF THE FY 2015 DIXIE MPO TIP FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 28 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. LOCAL PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE**

- A. **Hurricane City:** Arthur LeBaron reported that Hurricane City is working on right-of-way for the 600 North project and anticipates being under construction by the end of August.
- B. **Ivins:** Dave Glenn indicated that the Center Street widening project is under way with paving anticipated by mid-July. The contractor for this project is J.P. Excavation.
- C. **LaVerkin:** None.
- D. **Leeds:** None.
- E. **St. George:** Monty Thurber reported that the Mall Drive Bridge project is progressing, and the 3000 East project is nearing completion.
- F. **Santa Clara City:** Jack Taylor indicated that the Old Highway 91 project is moving forward with engineering. The project includes the area from Swiss Village in Santa Clara to Ivins.
- G. **Toquerville:** Darren Cottam reported that Toquerville City is working on a water project located on Old Church Road.
- H. **Washington City:** None.
- I. **Washington County:** None.
- J. **UDOT:** Kirk Thornock reported that the Red Hills Parkway/Bluff Street interchange is under construction. The climbing lanes from milepost 20 to Leeds are nearing completion. Several other projects are under design, including the Sunset Boulevard/Bluff Street intersection. An open house is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> in the St. George City Council Chambers from 4-7 p.m. to discuss the Sunset/Bluff intersection project. The new proposed layout will have fewer impacts as well as a lower cost of construction. Mr. Thornock reported that \$60 million worth of capacity projects are in progress in Region Four.

Dana Meier indicated that the final draft environmental for Phase 3B of the Southern Parkway has been submitted. UDOT is now waiting for the biological opinion from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. An October bid date is anticipated for this phase for connection of Phase 3A to Phase 4A. Funding has also been allocated for paving in 2018. UDOT will continue to work toward moving the paving to an earlier date.

5. **STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE**

A. **Program Development - UDOT:** None.

B. **Federal Oversight:** None.

6. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at the Five County Association of Governments office.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MIKE SHAW AND SECONDED BY DANA MEIER. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.